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- ☒ 1. An application for patent consisting of 23 pages of specification, including the claims and Abstract of the Disclosure, and 8 sheets of drawings is attached.
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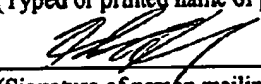


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